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Letter dated 26 October 2001 from the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the text of the statement on the results of the meeting of Heads of State of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Islamic State of Afghanistan, held at Dushanbe on 22 October 2001 (see annex).

We would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex were to be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the results of the meeting of Heads of State of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Islamic State of Afghanistan, adopted at the meeting in Dushanbe, 22 October 2001

On 22 October 2001, on the initiative of President Emomali Rakhmonov of the Republic of Tajikistan, a Tajik-Afghan-Russian top-level meeting was held in Dushanbe to discuss the situation in Afghanistan.

The foreign and defence ministers and other officials took part in the meeting.

The sides have noted the necessity and urgency of holding regular consultations at different levels with regard to the extremely tense situation in and around Afghanistan. The refusal by the Taliban regime to fulfil the conditions of the anti-terrorist coalition has brought with it new sufferings for the Afghan people and the wave of refugees and displaced persons is mounting.

The sides have stated that an essential precondition for the transfer of the resolution of the situation in Afghanistan to the political channel is the unconditional fulfilment of the demands of the anti-terrorist coalition, including the handing-over of those who inspired and organized the terrorist acts of 11 September 2001 in New York and Washington, D.C., the abolition of the rule of the Taliban, who have provided shelter for terrorist and extremist groups on the territory they control, and the disbandment and complete disarmament of their armed units.

The sides have emphasized that, for the long-term resolution of the situation in Afghanistan, it is also necessary to speed up the process of political settlement, and once again noted their readiness to actively join in this important work.

The sides have expressed their strong conviction that the political process must be aimed at creating a widely representative government, including the representatives of all the peoples and ethnic groups concerned, to be formed as a result of the free expression of their will.

The sides have noted the necessity to reinvigorate the role of the United Nations and of all the States that are willing to render assistance in the political resolution of the situation in that long-suffering country.

The Tajik and the Russian sides have confirmed their readiness to lend the Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan the necessary support in its struggle against the Taliban regime in order to create conditions for resolving the protracted crisis in Afghanistan.

The sides, expressing deep concern about the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, have appealed to the world community to step up aid to the population of that country.